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When I play my drums I like to try new beats. I practice, and practice until I can play like the pros. In doing this, drumming reminds me of what I do when I write my English papers.

Before I write my paper, I mentally plan for what I want to write about, or what the teacher has assigned me. I do the same when I go out to drum. I will sit at my drum set and do nothing, but think of rhythms and beats. After I figure out what my paper will be about, I just star writing. I will write until my paper is complete. At the drums, once I know what I am going to play, I start simple. I first get the motions down, then that’s when I play the beat like I heard the beat.

After I can play the beat like the professional drummer that I got the beat from, I might add a drum fill here or a double bass pedal there. Or I might even just change the beat completely. Changing what I do also stands the same for writing a paper. After I get done writing the rough draft I will either edit the essay until the essay is correct, or I will change the subject completely, depending on if the subject will be what I like or not.

Revising my essay is almost the same as editing my essay. I will read over the writing, check for errors, and correct any mistakes. Also If I forgot to check spelling, grammar or punctuation, now will be the time I would do that. While I am taking a break I will try to memorize the beat that I had been playing. When I am through taking a break I would make sure that I am keeping time.

Timing is one of the most important, if not the most important, aspect of drumming. Without time there would be no beat, there would only be a jumbled up mess of noise. Timing is also important in writing a paper, because if I procrastinate like I have done before. I will not get a good grade, and I might fail the class.